

New Jersey for the People

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January 30, 2015

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration
Attn: Frankie Hampton, Paralegal
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

RE: MUR6910

We are in receipt of your letter regarding New Jersey for the People (the Committee) and the complaint that was filed.

New Jersey for the People is a State Political Action Committee registered in the State of New Jersey. The complainant alleges that the Committee failed to file Form F3X, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, with the Federal Election Commission in 2013 and 2014. These reports were not filed as we are not a registered Committee with the FEC but with the State of New Jersey.

The Committee did file Form 9 forms in 2012, to disclose electioneering communications in the 2012 election.

As a PAC registered in New Jersey, the Committee files all required reports with the New Jersey Division of Elections.

Please advise if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Gary Gruver
Assistant Treasurer
202-427-4692

1-800-441-0111



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JAN - 8 2015

New Jersey For the People
102 S. Warren Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

RE: MUR 6910

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates New Jersey For the People may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 6910. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against New Jersey For the People in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission must be addressed as follows:

Mail

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
Attn: Frankie Hampton, Paralegal
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

Email

fhampton@fec.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Frankie Hampton at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,



Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel
Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration

Enclosures:

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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Jim Carlucci

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Trenton, NJ 08611-1720

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COUNSEL

MUR # 6910

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this as a complaint against and request for an investigation into the following Independent Expenditure Committee for failure to properly file timely reports as required by law:

New Jersey for the People
102 S. Warren Street
Trenton, NJ 08609
C90014077

Allegation: New Jersey for the People has failed to file any reports for receipts or expenditures in calendar year 2013 and so far in 2014.

According to the data available on the FEC website, the Committee for Economic Growth and Social Justice reported on page 14 of its quarterly report filed in July 2014 that on May 8, 2014 it received a contribution of \$10,000.00 from the New Jersey for the People committee. (Exhibit A)

According to the FEC website the New Jersey for the People Committee (C9014077) has not filed any reports since February 26, 2013. (Exhibit B). A review of the documents listed reveals that the committee filed its year- end report for calendar year 2012 only after receiving notification from the FEC of the delinquency in reporting. No further reports have been filed even though another committee reported receiving a contribution in May of this year.

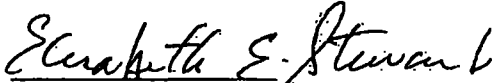
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By failing to file the required reports, New Jersey for the People is avoiding full disclosure of where its funding is coming from and where that money is going. This violates the most basic reporting requirements of the election laws.

Regards,


Jim Carlucci
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 11, 2014 by Jim Carlucci.



Notary Public Signature

My Commission Expires: 11/29/2016

(Affix Notary Stamp Here)

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EXHIBIT A

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SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

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Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. NEW JERSEY FOR THE PEOPLE

Mailing Address 102 S WARREN STREET

City	State	Zip Code
TRENTON	NJ	08608

 FEC ID number of contributing
 federal political committee. C C90014077

Name of Employer Occupation

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

10000.00

Date of Receipt

05 08 2014

Transaction ID : SA11C.4435

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

10000.00

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B. PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL NO 9 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Mailing Address 2 IRON ORE ROAD AT RT 33

City	State	Zip Code
ENGISHTOWN	NJ	07726

 FEC ID number of contributing
 federal political committee. C C00155440

Name of Employer Occupation

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

4500.00

Date of Receipt

05 30 2014

Transaction ID : SA11C.4393

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

3000.00

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C.

Mailing Address

City	State	Zip Code
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 FEC ID number of contributing
 federal political committee. C

Name of Employer Occupation

Receipt For:

☐ Primary ☐ General
☐ Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

Date of Receipt

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional).....▶

13000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only).....▶

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EXHIBIT B

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CURRENT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Name: NEW JERSEY FOR THE PEOPLE

Address: 102 S WARREN STREET, TRENTON, NJ 08608

Treasurer Name:

Type: I - Independent Expenditure - Person Or Group Not A Committee

Designation: U - Unauthorized

Party:

2013

Miscellaneous Report to FEC	08/21/2013	1 13964565781 PDF HTML / FEC-886495
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2012

Document Filed	Amended	Filed On	From Date	End Date	Pages	Page by Page	Download
24 Hour Independent Expenditure Report	New	11/02/2012	11/02/2012	11/02/2012	2	12940749417	PDF HTML / FEC- 832008
24 Hour Independent Expenditure Report	New	10/28/2012	10/27/2012	11/05/2012	3	12961219248	PDF HTML / FEC- 829476
RFAI - Failure to File - Year- End		02/20/2013	10/01/2012	12/31/2012	1	13330025312	PDF
Year-End	New	02/26/2013	10/01/2012	12/31/2012	4	13940229611	PDF HTML / FEC- 858565
RFAI - Year- End		07/15/2013	10/01/2012	12/31/2012	2	13330034462	PDF

**DESCRIPTION OF PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES
FOR PROCESSING COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463
FAX (202) 219-3923

Complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission shall be referred to the Enforcement Division of the Office of the General Counsel, where they are assigned a MUR (Matter Under Review) number and forwarded to Complaints Examination & Legal Administration ("CELA") for processing. Within five days of receipt of the complaint, the Commission shall notify all respondents referenced in the complaint, in writing, that the complaint has been filed, and shall include with such notification a copy of the complaint. Simultaneously, the complainant shall be notified that the complaint has been received. The respondents shall then have 15 days to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against them in response to the complaint. If additional time is needed in which to respond to the complaint, the respondents may request an extension of time. The request must be in writing and demonstrate good cause as to why an extension should be granted. Please be advised that not all requests are granted.

After the response period has elapsed, cases are prioritized and maintained in CELA. Cases warranting the use of Commission resources are assigned as staff becomes available. Cases not warranting the use of Commission resources are dismissed.

If a case is assigned to a staff person, the Office of the General Counsel shall report to the Commission, making recommendations based upon a preliminary legal and factual analysis of the complaint and any submission made by the respondent. The report may recommend that the Commission: (a) find reason to believe that the complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (hereinafter the "Act"); or (b) find no reason to believe that the complaint sets forth a possible violation of the Act and, accordingly, close the file.

If, by an affirmative vote of four Commissioners, the Commission determines that there is reason to believe that a respondent has committed or is about to commit a violation of the Act, the Office of the General Counsel shall open an investigation into the matter. During the investigation, the Commission has the power to subpoena documents, to subpoena individuals to appear for deposition, and to order written answers to interrogatories. A respondent may be contacted more than once by the Commission during this phase.

If during this period of investigation, a respondent indicates a desire to enter into conciliation, the Office of the General Counsel may recommend that the Commission enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe that a violation has been committed. Conciliation is an attempt to correct or prevent a violation of the Act by informal methods of conference and persuasion. Most often, the result of conciliation is an agreement signed by the Commission and the respondent. The Conciliation Agreement must be adopted by four votes of

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the Commission in order to become final. After signature by the Commission and the respondent, the Conciliation Agreement is made public within 30 days of closing of the entire file.

If the investigation warrants, and no conciliation agreement has been entered into prior to a probable cause to believe finding, the General Counsel must notify the respondent of his/her intent to recommend that the Commission proceed to a vote on probable cause to believe that a violation of the Act has been committed or is about to be committed. The General Counsel shall send the respondent a brief setting forth his/her position on the legal and factual issues of the case. A response brief stating respondent's position on the issues may be submitted within 15 days of receipt of the General Counsel's Brief. Both briefs are then filed with the Commission Secretary and considered by the Commission. Thereafter, if the Commission determines, by an affirmative vote of four Commissioners, that there is probable cause to believe that a violation of the Act has been committed or is about to be committed, the Commission must conciliate with the respondent for a period of at least 30 days, but not more than 90 days. If the Commission is unable to correct or prevent any violation through conciliation, the Office of the General Counsel may recommend that the Commission file a civil suit to enforce the Act against the respondent. Therefore, the Commission may, upon the affirmative vote of four Commissioners, institute civil action for relief in the United States District Court.

See 52 U.S.C. § 30109 and 11 C.F.R. Part 111.

September 2014